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OF ORLOV

AS THEIR RECENT MEETING AT HESSELET IN DENMARK, THE FOREIGN
MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE NINE WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT ON
THE ORLOV CASE. AFTER TWO DAYS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE
TEXT, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT HAS JUST BEEN RELEASED TO
THE PRESS BY THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY: QUOTE:
AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE RECENT SENTENCING OF SOVIET
CITIZENS WHO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN MONITORING THE IM-
PLEMENTATION OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT BY THE SOVIET
UNION, INCLUDING THE CASE AGAINST MR. YURI ORLOV, THE
GOVERNMENTS OF THE NINE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY WISH TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

THE NINE HAVE CONSISTENTLY DEPLOYED THEIR JOINT EFFORTS
IN AN ENDEAVOR TO PROMOTE A POLICY OF DETENTE IN EUROPE.
THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR DETERMINATION IN THIS
RESPECT, INTER ALIA BY THEIR ACTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE
AND TO THE FOLLOW-UP TO THAT CONFERENCE.

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THE NINE WHO CONSIDER THAT THE HELSINKI FINAL
ACT CONSTITUTES A PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR DETENTE,
RECALL THAT IN THIS DOCUMENT SIGNED BY THEIR HEADS
OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT THE PARTICIPATING STATES
HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS
AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS AND HAVE CONFIRMED THE
RIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO KNOW AND ACT UPON HIS

RIGHTS AND DUTIES IN THIS FIELD. THIS IS WHY THE
GOVERNMENTS OF THE NINE FIND IT INCOMPATIBLE WITH
THE FINAL ACT AND WITH DETENTE THAT INDIVIDUALS
SHOULD BE PROSECUTED AND SENTENCED FOR HAVING
DEMANDED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT IN
THEIR OWN COUNTRY. UNQUOTE.
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